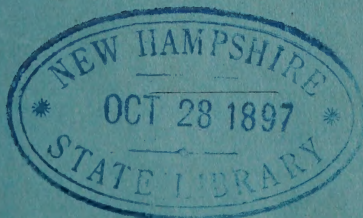


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TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.] *To the inhabitants of the town of Chester, qualified to vote in town affairs.*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the 12th day of March next, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for laying out and repairing highways and building and repairing bridges, for paying the town debts and defraying interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town.
4. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Fifty Dollars for Memorial Day.
6. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the alterations and amendments of the constitution proposed by the constitutional convention shall be approved.

Given under our hand and seal this 23d day of February, 1889.

GEORGE S. WEST,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Chester.</i>
SAMUEL S. PARKER,	
ROBERT H. HAZELTON.	

A true copy of warrant :

Attest :

GEORGE S. WEST,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Chester.</i>
SAMUEL S. PARKER,	
ROBERT H. HAZELTON.	

TOWN OF CHESTER.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

MODERATOR—Samuel F. Parker.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus S. Marston.

REPRESENTATIVE—Clark B. Hall.

SELECTMEN—George S. West, Samuel S. Parker, Robert H. Hazelton.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Samuel S. Parker.

SCHOOL BOARD—Cyrus F. Marston, Fred I. Drowne, Harriette A. Melvin.

TREASURER—John W. Noyes.

COLLECTOR—John Underhill.

AUDITORS—A. A. Bean, Cyrus F. Marston, John A. Hazelton.

SUPERVISORS—Oren F. Page, George S. Whittemore, George Cammett.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

State Tax,	.	.	.	\$1,180 00
County Tax	.	.	.	1,050 76
Town Tax,	.	.	.	1,800 00
School Tax required by law,	.	.	.	826 00
Additional School Money raised by tax	.	.	.	300 00
Tax on Dogs,	.	.	.	89 00
Per cent. added,	.	.	.	58 59
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				\$5,304 35

Resident Highway Taxes of 1887, unpaid			
July 7th, 1888, committed to			
the Collector for collection,	.	\$27 27	
		<hr/>	\$27 27

Total amount given to the Collector for			
collection,	.	\$5,331 62	
		<hr/>	\$5,331 62

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

School Tax, required by law, . . .	\$826 00
Additional amount raised by tax, . . .	300 00
Literary Fund, . . .	156 88
Balance of dog tax for 1886 and 1887, . . .	86 50
	<hr/> \$1,369 38

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer for the following purposes, viz :—

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Treasurer of School Board, . . .	\$1,369 38
	<hr/> \$1,369 38

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

June 9, paid Horace W. West for work in district No. 1, . . .	\$27 50
July 7, paid L. B. Richardson for work in district No. 6, . . .	14 75
July 7, paid Edward West for work in district No. 10, . . .	14 14
July 7, paid W. D. Smith for work in district No. 9, . . .	14 38
July 7, paid Newton J. Emerson for work in district No. 15, . . .	8 25
July 7, paid Newton J. Emerson for work in district No. 15, . . .	32 44
July 7, paid G. S. West for work in district No. 12, . . .	24 63
July 7, paid A. B. Parker for work in district No. 13, . . .	24 67
July 7, paid Horace N. Smith for work in district No. 16, . . .	13 48
July 13, paid Horace W. West for work in district No. 1, . . .	7 50

July 7, paid George W. Southwick for work in district No. 14,	21 21
May 25, paid Samuel G. Healey for work in district No. 5,	8 75
Aug. 22, paid Horace W. West for work in district No. 1,	11 70
June 25, paid Carlos W. Noyes for work in district No. 3,	25 00
Sept. 21, paid Carlos W. Noyes for work in district No. 3,	25 00
Oct. 2, paid Samuel S. Parker for work near Sanders' store,	4 00
Oct. 2, paid G. S. West for work near blacksmith shop,	16 24
June 6, paid Warren M. Carr for work in district No. 2,	31 70
Aug. 18, paid Samuel G. Healey for work in district No. 5,	13 49
July 7, paid Horace N. Smith for 23 1-2 days work with 4 horses on road machine, at \$7.00,	164 50
July 7, paid Horace N. Smith, 1-2 day with 6 horses,	5 50
Oct. 22, paid Warren M. Carr for work in district No. 2,	18 67
Oct. 10, paid J. W. Towle for work in district No. 10,	3 50
May 11, paid A. F. B. Edwards for work in district No. 5,	1 80
June 15, paid Horace E. True for bridge plank,	17 80
July 5, paid Frank W. Warren for work in district Nos. 8, and 17,	24 22
Oct. 18, paid Horace E. True for work in district No. 11,	16 50

Nov. 3, paid L. B. Richardson for work in district No. 6,	12 50	
Nov. 14, paid H. W. West for work in district No. 1,	14 00	
Dec. 10, paid C. W. Noyes for work in district Nos. 3 and 4,	38 00	
Dec. 22, paid Frank W. Warren for work in district Nos. 8 and 17,	6 43	
Dec. 22, paid Geo. W. Southwick for work in district No. 14,	11 00	
Dec. 22, paid N. W. Goldsmith for work in district No. 7.	20 63	
Dec. 22, paid G. S. West for work and lumber on culvert and bridge,	5 00	
Dec. 29, paid Warren M. Carr for work in district No. 2,	8 27	
July 7, paid C. W. Noyes for work in district Nos. 3 and 4, and for tending road machine,	117 47	
Feb. 16, paid C. W. Noyes for work in district Nos. 3 and 4,	17 94	
Apr. 27, paid G. M. West for stringer and work on culvert,	4 00	
Feb. 16, paid Nathan Gage for bridge plank,	19 95	
	<hr/>	\$866 51

DAMAGE ON HIGHWAY.

Apr. 2, paid Arthur L. Emerson, amount damage to horse as given by George Hook, David T. Dale, and Nelson Gillingham, referees,	175 00	
May. 29, paid B. F. Hazelton for crossing field,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$178 00

PUBLIC WATERING PLACE.

Jan. 26, paid Ebenezer Marden,	3 00
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\$3 00

BREAKING ROADS.

1888.

Mar. 15, paid A. D. Abbott, shoveling snow in district No. 15,	\$11 85
Mar. 15, paid David Butterfield, shoveling snow in district No. 15,	2 85
Apr. 14, paid J. C. Whittemore, shoveling snow in district No. 1,	65 63
Apr. 14, paid C. W. Noyes, shoveling snow in district No. 3,	67 57
Apr. 14, paid Eleazor Young, shoveling snow in district No. 13,	32 17
Apr. 14, paid Amos Sanborn, shoveling snow in district No. 10,	33 90
Apr. 14, paid R. B. Morse, shoveling snow in district No. 4,	23 25
Apr. 14, paid L. B. Richardson, shoveling snow in district No. 6,	29 70
Apr. 14, paid Newton J. Emerson shovel- eling snow in district No. 15,	23 55
Apr. 14, paid S. S. Morse, shoveling snow in district No. 2,	1 50
Apr. 14, paid Ostinnellor Robie, shovel- ing snow in district No. 5,	75
Apr. 14, paid W. D. Smith, shoveling snow in district No. 9,	10 42
Apr. 14, paid G. M. West, shoveling snow in district No. 7,	53 00
Apr. 14, paid Charles H. Greene, shovel- ing snow in district No. 2,	6 00
Apr. 14, paid Willis S. Merrill, shoveling snow in district No. 16,	16 70

Apr. 14, paid Frank Dolber, shoveling snow in district No. 12, .	36 76	
Apr. 14, paid Albert F. B. Edwards, shov- eling snow in district No. 5, .	27 78	
Apr. 14, paid F. E. Leighton, shoveling snow in district No. 2, .	2 93	
Apr. 14, paid George W. Southwick, shov- eling snow in district No. 14, .	19 23	
Apr. 14, paid Frank W. Warren, shov- eling snow in district No. 17, .	18 48	
Apr. 14, paid Thomas Batchelder, shov- eling snow in district No. 11, .	15 83	
Apr. 14, paid George S. Webster, shov- eling snow in district No. 2, .	46 32	
July 6, paid Benjamin Dearborn, shov- eling snow in district No. 2, .	3 00	
July 7, paid B. A. Follansbee, shoveling snow in district No. 8, .	32 91	
Aug. 22, paid Frank W. Gove, shoveling snow in district No. 12, .	2 32	
Aug. 22, paid John P. Robie, shoveling snow in district No. 1, .	6 85	
Sept. 1, paid Frank Dolber, shoveling snow in district No. 12, .	1 20	
Dec. 22, paid George S. Whittemore, shoveling snow in district No. 1, .	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$593 95

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

Apr. 14, paid George W. Wilcomb, .	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1888.

Apr. 14, paid C. H. Greene, dog tax of 1886, had no dog, .	\$1 00
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July 7, paid A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1887.	
George W. Emerick, left town,	1 30
George B. Fitz, “	1 30
Charles W. Moore, paid in Sandown,	1 30
Irving A. Holman, left town,	1 30
Daniel Gile, “	1 30
Edward J. Snow, “	1 30
George Clough, “	1 30
Milton Mills, paid in Fremont,	1 30
Harry Warren, paid in New York,	1 30
George Young, highway 1886, left town,	30
Jan. 1, paid James Shirley, dog tax 1886, poll tax 1888, left town,	2 32
Jan. 26, paid Lewis H. Kimball, over tax 1888,	12 86
Jan. 26, paid David Butterfield, poll tax, over seventy,	1 32
Jan. 26, paid Eli Fortier, dog tax, 1888, had no dog,	1 00
Feb. 16, paid Wm. Weeks, wrong tax 1888,	6 60
Feb. 16, paid Geo. L. Sherman, dog tax 1888, had no dog,	1 00
Feb. 16, paid John Underhill on tax list of 1888	
Green C. George, left town,	1 32
C. H. Woodbury, “	1 32
Calvin D. Marsh, “	1 32
John Kelley, poll tax and dog tax,	2 32
Benjamin Nutting, left town,	1 32
Milton Mills, paid in Fremont,	1 32
Harry M. Warren, left town,	1 32
Fred Noyes “	1 32

Charles Carr, highway tax of 1887, .	31
George B. Fitz, " " .	31
Edward J. Snow, " " .	31
David Currier, " " .	47

 \$51 06

MISCELLANEOUS.

1888.

Apr. 16, paid Boston & Maine R. R., freight on road machine, .	\$6 15
July 7, paid Geo. S. West for express and oil,	2 60
July 30, paid J. Hadlock for R. machine and edge,	259 29
July 30, paid H. L. Pollard for labor with Com. on repairs school house in 1887,	1 00
Aug. 13, paid J. Hadlock for 1 edge to road machine,	8 00
Oct. 2, paid Samuel S. Parker for J. L. Fitts surveying,	1 75

1889.

Feb. 16, paid E. T. Morse, repairs on road machine, bars, picks, etc., .	4 60
Feb. 16, paid G. S. Webster, showing selectmen woodland, 1887,	50
Feb. 16, paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son for oil and glass,	2 88

 \$286 77

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1888.

March 31, paid Temple & Farrington Co. order and collectors' book,	\$2 70
Oct. 13, paid Charles Bartlett, 500 re- ports, 1887,	50 00

Dec. 21, paid J. B. Sanborn, town order book,	75	
June 2, paid William T. Morse, 800 tax bills,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 45

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

1888.		
Apr. 14, paid Eben Morse for 1 sheep, .	\$3 50	
Oct. 25, paid George W. Clark for 1 sheep,	3 00	
1889.		
Jan. 26, paid Asahel Weeks for 3 sheep	9 00	
Feb. 16, paid N. H. Weeks, for 9 sheep killed and wounded, .	20 00	
Jan. 26, paid C. B. Hall for 1 sheep killed,	3 33	
	<hr/>	\$38 83

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Aug. 13, paid John Underhill for discount on tax list of 1888 collected on or before Aug. 1, 1888, .	\$66 09	
	<hr/>	\$66 09

COLLECTING TAXES.

1888.		
July 7, paid A. F. B. Edwards, collecting balance 1887 tax,	\$34 57	
Aug. 13, paid John Underhill, collecting taxes on list of 1888, .	44 00	
1889.		
Feb. 22, paid John Underhill, collecting taxes on list of 1888, .	42 07	
	<hr/>	\$120 64

EXPENSE ON KIMBALL CASE.

1888.

Dec. 22, paid Charles Chase,	.	\$3 80	
Dec. 22, paid Cyrus F. Marston,	.	3 75	
Feb. 16, paid Silas F. Learnard,	.	4 00	
Feb. 16, paid A. A. Bean,	.	4 00	
Feb. 16, paid G. S. Webster,	.	3 75	
Feb. 26, paid Samuel S. Parker,	.	10 20	
Feb. 21, paid G. S. West,	.	7 25	
Feb. 20, paid Burnham & Brown, attor-			
neys,	.	192 44	\$229 19
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REPAIRS AND USE OF HALL.

1888.

Apr. 14, paid Joseph Dane, use of hall to			
Mar. 14, 1888,	.	\$2 00	
Apr. 20, paid C. G. McDuffee, use and			
repair hall in 1886,	.	5 20	
Dec. 22, paid J. D. Morse, setting and			
repairing windows,	.	1 91	

1889.

Feb. 16, paid A. H. Wilcomb, use of hall,		3 00	
Feb. 16, paid C. G. McDuffee, stove pipe,		70	
		<hr/>	\$12 81

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

1888.

April 16, paid L. W. Hall, repairs on			
school house in No 6,	.	\$217 79	
April 16, paid L. W. Hall, building shed			
in No. 6,	.	60 00	
May 15, paid John Clay, mortar and work			
in No. 1,	.	1 50	
May 25, paid Fred I. Drowne for repairs			
etc.,	.	20 00	

Sept. 1, paid Fred I. Drowne for repairs		
etc.,	50 00	
Dec. 1, paid Fred I. Drowne for repairs		
etc.,	21 67	
	<hr/>	\$370 96

RETURNS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

1889.

Jan. 26, paid W. R. Sanders, M. D.,		
5 births returned,	\$1 25	
Jan. 26, paid W. R. Sanders, M. D.,		
1 death returned,	25	
Jan. 26, paid A. L. Emerson, M. D. 16		
births returned,	4 00	
Jan. 26, paid A. L. Emerson, M. D., 13		
deaths returned,	3 25	
Jan. 26, paid C. F. Marston, 1 birth		
returned,	25	
Jan. 26, paid C. F. Marston, 1 death		
returned.	25	
	<hr/>	\$9 25

CARE CEMETERY.

1888.

Dec. 22, paid Robert H. Hazelton,	\$4 00	
	<hr/>	\$4 00

SUPERVISORS.

Feb. 16, paid John A. Hazelton for two		
years,	\$8 00	
Feb. 16, paid C. C. McDuffee for two		
years,	8 00	
Feb. 16, paid George D. Rand for two		
years,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 00

TOWN TREASURER'S SALARY.

Feb. 16, paid John W. Noyes,	\$25 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00

TOWN CLERK'S SALARY.

Feb. 22, paid Cyrus F. Marston,	\$20 00	
	<hr/>	\$20 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

1889.

Feb. 21, paid George S. West,	\$57 00	
Feb. 21, paid Samuel S. Parker,	42 10	
Feb. 21, paid Robert H. Hazelton,	27 00	
	<hr/>	\$126 10

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

1889.

Feb. 21, paid George S. West,	\$15 00	
Feb. 21, paid Samuel S. Parker,	24 12	
Feb. 21, paid Robert H. Hazelton,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$42 12

OVERSEER OF THE POOR, SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb. 21, paid Samuel S. Parker,	\$40 35	
	<hr/>	\$40 35

SCHOOL BOARD'S SALARY.

Feb. 22, paid Fred I. Drowne,	\$18 00	
Feb. 22, paid Cyrus F. Marston,	20 00	
Feb. 22, paid Harriette A. Melvin,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$78 00

SCHOOL BOARD'S EXPENSES.

Feb. 22, paid Fred I. Drowne,	\$6 00	
Feb. 22, paid Cyrus F. Marston,	7 89	
	<hr/>	\$13 89

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

Paid Addison A. Bean,	.	.	\$2 00	
Paid Cyrus F. Marston,	.	.	2 00	
Paid John A. Hazelton,	.	.	2 00	
			<hr/>	\$6 00

AUDITORS AND SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Paid A. A. Bean,	.	.	\$5 00	
			<hr/>	\$5 00
Total,				\$4686 35

Respectfully submitted :

GEORGE S. WEST,	}	<i>Selectmen of Chester.</i>
SAMUEL S. PARKER		
ROBERT H. HAZELTON.		

REPORT OF SAMUEL S. PARKER, OVERSEER OF
THE POOR.

FREDERICK GRIFFIN.

To State Industrial School for board, clothing and instruction of Fred- erick Griffin, from Jan. 1, 1888 to Dec. 31, 1889,	.	.	\$78 00	
			<hr/>	\$78 00

NETTIE GRIFFIN.

To Chas. C. Tucker, Supt. Rockingham County Farm for board of Nettie Griffin from June 29, 1887 to Aug. 15, '88, and burying body,			\$187 64	
			<hr/>	\$187 64

DAVID CURRIER.

Chas. N. Fitts for care and goods for David Currier from March 7, 1888 to Nov. 3, 1888,	.		\$47 65	
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Arthur L. Emerson's bill for examination of David Currier,	3 00	
Burnham & Brown's bill on Currier case and legal advice,	9 70	
	<hr/>	\$60 35

MRS. ADDIE TRUE'S CHILD.

Mrs. Sarah Abbott for board of Mrs. Ad- die True's child from Feb. 14, 1888 to Aug. 14, 1888, also for burying body,	\$48 50	
	<hr/>	\$48 50

HANNAH L. CURRIER.

Mary J. Gile for board of Hannah L. Currier from Feb. 14, 1888 to Feb. 14, 1889,	\$65 00	
	<hr/>	\$65 00

JOHNSON FAMILY.

G. W. Merrill for house rent for Johnson family from Feb. 7, 1888 to Feb. 7, 1889,	\$30 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00

C. A. WEYMOUTH.

Frank W. Weymouth for board of C. A. Weymouth, from Feb. 28, 1888 to Feb. 20, 1889,	\$56 37	
	<hr/>	\$56 37

MRS. SARAH M. HEALD.

C. S. Wilcomb & Son, goods furnished Mrs Sarah M. Heald, to Feb. 16, 1889,	\$3 91	
A. F. B. Edwards, 1-2 cord dry wood,	1 25	
N. D. Steele, cutting, sawing and splitting wood,	7 62	
George S. West for drawing wood,	2 00	
N. S. Drowne for work and potatoes,	1 02	
	<hr/>	\$15 80

TRANSIENTS.

Samuel A. Blackstone for boarding transients,	\$6 50	
C. G. McDuffee for lodging three transients,	2 25	\$8 75
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Total,		\$550 41

COUNTY PAUPERS.

THOMAS M. LANE.

Webster Bros., goods furnished Thomas M. Lane,	\$3 50
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, goods furnished Thomas M. Lane,	36 51

JOHN SHEV.

R. M. Sanders, goods furnished John Shev,	2 10	
S. S. Morse, beef furnished John Shev,	4 20	
W. R. Sanders, for medical attendance,	8 25	
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Received of Rockingham County and paid Town Treasurer,		\$54 56
		54 56

CHESTER, N. Feb. 23d, 1889.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the year ending February 28th, 1889, and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers for the several charges.

ADDISON A. BEAN,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
CYRUS F. MARSTON,	
JOHN A. HAZELTON,	

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the Town of Chester, for the year 1888, not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

JOHN UNDERHILL, *Collector.*

CHESTER, N. H. Feb. 25th, 1889.

Dr.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH

1888-89.

Discount on taxes paid before the first of August,	\$66 09
To cash paid for printing and stationery,	55 45
To cash paid for breaking roads,	593 95
To cash paid for improvements on roads and bridges,	866 51
To cash paid state tax,	1180 00
To cash paid county tax,	1050 76
To cash paid school board for support of schools,	1369 38
To cash paid school board for services,	78 00
To cash paid school board expenses,	13 89
To cash paid cemetery expenses,	4 00
To cash paid for collecting taxes,	120 64
To cash paid town treasurer's salary,	25 00
To cash paid town clerk's salary,	20 00
To cash paid for support of poor,	604 97
To cash paid Decoration Day expenses,	50 00
To cash paid for sheep killed by dogs,	38 83
To cash paid for returns of births and deaths,	9 25
To cash paid for insurance on town hall,	10 00
To cash paid for repairs on school houses,	370 96
To cash paid collector, abatements on taxes,	51 06
To cash paid expense of public watering trough,	3 00
To cash paid selectmen's services,	126 10
To cash paid selectmen's expenses,	42 12
To cash paid for repairs on town hall and warming same,	12 81
To cash paid Derry National Bank, interest on money hired,	7 25
To cash paid expense in Kimball case,	229 19
To cash paid miscellaneous bills,	286 77
To cash paid damage on highways,	178 00
To cash paid overseer of poor, services and expenses,	40 35
To cash paid supervisor's for two years services,	24 00
To cash paid auditor's services,	6 00
To cash paid auditor's, selectmen's and treasurer's expenses	5 00
Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	207 04
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	\$7,746 37

JOHN W. NOYES, TOWN TREASURER, CR.

1888.			
March.		By balance in the treasury, Feb. 29, 1888,	\$214 22
March 19,		By cash of A. F. B. Edwards, on tax list of 1887,	150 00
April 3,		By cash of F. W. Weymouth, for use of town hall,	26 00
April 3,		By cash of A. F. B. Edwards, on tax list of 1887,	350 00
April 17,		By cash of A. F. B. Edwards, on tax list of 1887,	100 00
May 8,		By cash of A. F. B. Edwards, on tax list of 1887,	300 00
June		By cash of A. F. B. Edwards, on tax list of 1887,	500 00
June		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	390 00
July 7,		By cash of A. F. B. Edwards, interest collected on taxes of 1887,	31 31
July 7,		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	992 60
August		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	921 40
Sept.		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	55 00
Oct.		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	200 00
Nov.		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	721 25
Dec.		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	640 00
Dec.		By cash of State Treasurer, railroad tax,	89 52
Dec.		By cash of State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	1,361 16
Dec.		By cash of State Treasurer, literary fund,	153 90
1889.			
Jan.		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	130 00
Jan. 4,		By cash of James Shirley, to redeem real estate sold for taxes,	10 62
Jan. 28,		By cash of the County, for support of poor,	54 56
Feb.		By cash of John Underhill, on tax list of 1888,	320 21
Feb.		By cash of John Underhill, interest collected on taxes of 1888,	3 11
Feb.		By cash of Kimball heirs, on account of taxes of 1883,	31 51

\$7,746 37JOHN W. NOYES, *Town Treasurer.*

CHESTER, Feb. 23, 1889.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1889.

Note and interest due Jonathan Pressey,	\$1,158 41
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ASSETS.

Cash in the hands of the treasurer,	207 04
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Balance due on tax list of 1888.	958 05
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Claims on real estate held by the town for
the non-payment of taxes, as follows :

Edmund Adams,	1 82
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Sarah M. Heald,	4 65
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David Currier,	3 12
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\$1174 68

Balance in favor of the town,	\$16 27
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JOHN W. NOYES,

CHESTER, Feb. 23d, 1889.

Town Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., February 23d, 1889.

This certifies that we have carefully examined the accounts of John W. Noyes, Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sustained by satisfactory vouchers, and there remains in his hands at the close of the fiscal year, \$207 04.

ADDISON A. BEAN,	}	Auditors.
CYRUS F. MARSTON,		
JOHN A. HAZELTON,		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE
TOWN OF CHESTER.

THE WORK AND ITS NEEDS.

The school room is a place for *work*. Work that should be varied enough to secure the benefit of a change ; freed from needless obstructions ; made every way as attractive as possible, but still genuine work. The spirit that shirks the drudgery that thorough understanding and fine execution sometimes exact, is not the spirit of the student. How to economize the force expended and make this work most effective, to awaken in young hearts an ardor in conquering difficulties, is an important question.

Study is valuable for the addition it makes to what we call our "stores of knowledge," and for the increase we gain by it in our working power, physical, mental, or moral. Let us often apply the test.

It is a great point gained when you can make a child eager to know the thing you have to teach. And then you can show him how to study. To understand, first, is necessary in order to remember afterward. It is not necessary to tax the memory with a multitude of facts in order to give it exercise. We should interest it with the most precious things. Some names of persons and places and a certain number of dates are essential to one who would attain an ordinary intelligence. So the exact words

of good definitions and rules will, if understood, be very helpful to readiness in certain kinds of work. And every child that has learned to read should, if possible, be richer at the end of the term, by two or three selections of prose or poetry that are worth remembering.

But a history lesson is not best learned by exact memorizing, as most pupils seem to think when they first begin the study. They should now be taught the exercise of judgement in selecting the most important points for review, and exercise in giving a summary of certain periods and events.

Though the perils of "high pressure" are not very great in our small towns, with their limited periods of schooling, yet we sometimes see children, whose mental processes are slower than others, placed in a false position by being hurried along to keep pace with them. If they worked more naturally they would really accomplish more, for slow thinkers sometimes make some of the most useful and thoughtful workers when their powers are at their maturity. And, if there is real native dullness it is certainly not to be cured by any forcing process. Parents sometimes unwittingly hinder, rather than help their children, by an over-anxiety to see them well advanced "in the book." Help the children to think and study for themselves, let honest endeavor always have the reward of the parents' and teacher's approval, only idleness and inattention be considered blameworthy, and "nothing be done for strife or vain glory."

The lack of due preparation involves great waste of labor. It is better, generally, to give time for this to the class as a whole, rather than to answer a multitude of questions separately. A little explanation of the right sort will sometimes clear away the difficulties from arithmetical problems, so far as to make success possible. A geography class, taking up a new country, must be helped in several ways. There is the pronunciation at the outset. An undrilled class will make, as many teachers can testify, sad work with the names of the countries and towns of South America. They must first learn the general use, or *power*

of certain letters ; as a, j, h. Then they should pronounce after the teacher, carefully, repeatedly, in concert and individually, the proper names for one or more lessons. After this, with the map open, draw from them the ideas suggested by it, of the country, its climate, the season of the year, its harbors, resources, etc. ; anything that will make them want to find out what the text-book teaches, or to gain any information possible. Australia and the neighboring islands are not attractive to the ordinary pupil ; but if a picture of this country, its peculiar native population, animal and vegetable products, as well as its great mineral resources, could be impressed upon the mind of the children it would not be uninteresting to them.

The sickness of the past year has caused great irregularity in the attendance at some schools. Apart from this, the registers show the usual proportion of those, who, often, by a great effort, have maintained an unbroken record of punctuality, and of that other class, who always find the obstacles to a regular attendance, too much for them.

Parents may do much to strengthen a teacher's heart and hands by a generous appreciation of her difficulties ; by their co-operation in sending their children regularly to school, supplying them properly with books, interesting themselves in their progress, and restraining that free, and often partial, criticism in which children sometimes indulge. Rather teach them their own *obligations*, than to be jealously watchful of their *rights* ; to take a personal interest in the cleanliness and little adornments of the school room ; to find a pleasure in being helpful and lightening a teacher's burdens, and to acquiesce cheerfully in different rulings, under different teachers, especially in view of the generally evident desire to treat all with fair consideration.

While upon teachers rests the obligations to take an honest interest in the welfare of each individual to deal truly and kindly with all, to appeal to no unworthy motives, it must be allowed to them to express their individuality in school regulations and modes of

teaching. There are problems which each must work out separately, however ready to learn from others.

Rules should be reduced to the minimum which is found to work well. This will not be the same under all teachers and for all schools.

Pupils who honor the confidence placed in them are acquiring self-government, and strengthening principle. If trust is abused, the tendency is to generate conceit and self-will. It is for the teacher to determine what may wisely be left to the pupil's discretion and what to the teacher's decision.

There has been good evidence that our teachers have endeavored to give "good measure" of service whether the pecuniary remuneration was more or less. That means, however, better results for some than others. There were cases where the discipline was not so complete as we could wish; and we occasionally find a teacher who does not know how to ask questions except from an open book. Such should seek some other occupation than teaching.

On the other hand, the order has usually been gratifying, as indicating right relations and good understanding between teacher and pupil; and we might specify studies in which great advance has been made in interest and understanding. Those friends of the schools who have visited them will readily recall in some cases remarkable improvement in penmanship and new interest in reading. They will remember geography classes who have recited with unusual interest and intelligence, and schools where a fresh and surprising impulse was given to the study of arithmetic.

We would suggest to teachers the usefulness of a school room scrap book in which may be pasted cuttings from the daily and weekly newspapers to enliven recitations in history and geography or contribute to the general intelligence fund.

By means of the appropriation voted for a high school this year, the services of Prof. Edmund R. Angell were secured this winter. We trust that the general appreciation of the excellent

work he has done for the school will lead to a similar appropriation another year.

Respectfully presented for your consideration.

HARRIETTE A. MELVIN,	}	<i>School Board of Chester.</i>
FRED I. DROWNE,		
CYRUS F. MARSTON.		

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

FOR ONE TERM OR MORE.

NO. 1, FIRST DIVISION.

Full number registered for the year, 20 ; perfect in attendance, 3.

James A. Edwards,	Mamie J. Morse,
Katie L. Melvin.	

NO. 1, SECOND DIVISION.

Registered 34 ; perfect 13.

Sadie E. Edwards,*	Eddie McIntosh,
Eliza R. Fiske,	Lilla A. Morse,*
Fanny Fiske,	Nellie M. Morse,
Cara M. Lane,*	Alonzo J. Roberts,*
Alice M. Knippe,	Estella Smith,
Albert T. Melvin,*	Dwight M. Wilcox,*
Bertha McDuffee.	

NO. 2.

Registered, 21 ; perfect, 1.

Grace W. Gile.

NO. 3.

Registered, 28 ; perfect, 2.

Guy H. Anderson.	Roger P. Edwards.
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NO. 4.

(Now united with No. 1.)

No. 5.

Registered, 9 ; perfect, 6.

Alice B. Abbott,

Susie C. Smith,*

Ida M. Abbott,

Mary L. Tarlton,

Rena W. Smith,

John A. Meeks.

No. 6.

Registered, 15 ; perfect, 3.

Anna A. Purington,

Herman E. Rollins,

Arthur N. West.

No. 7.

Registered 20 ; perfect 10.

Annie E. Collins,

Cora B. Follansbee, *

Herman Follansbee,

Willie W. Green,

Wilbert H. Jack,

Nellie M. Johnson,

Nettie M. Morse, *

Leroy D. Morse, *

Walter P. Tenney,

Locero E. Webster.

No. 8.

Registered 15 ; perfect 4.

Sarah L. Knowles, *

Walter W. Lane,

Etta A. Lovering,

Willie B. Wason.

No. 9.

Registered 7 ; perfect 3.

Alice M. French, *

Bertie French, *

Ella Sanborn. *

No. 10.

Registered 13 ; perfect 9 ;

Ethel F. Cammett, *

Charles W. Cammett, *

Edith L. Hazelton,

Merion E. Lane,

Florence M. Lane,

Bennie W. Lake,

Emma F. Parker, *

Lizzie Tarlton.

Mary L. Tarlton.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Registered 35 ; perfect 3.

Cora B. Follansbee,

Susie S. Fonda,

Gertrude S. Green.

* Two terms.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ROCKINGHAM, SS.

*To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Chester,
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Saturday, the sixteenth day of March, 1889, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2d. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3d. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4th. To hear the Reports of Agents, Committees or Officers, heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

5th. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of Schools, in addition to that required by law.

6th. To see what the District will do in regard to repairing, furnishing, and improving school houses and building necessary out-buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

7th. To choose Agents, or Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands at said Chester, this 27th day of February, A. D. 1889.

FRED I. DROWNE, } *School Board*
CYRUS F. MARSTON, } *of Chester.*

A true copy of warrant;

Attest:

FRED I. DROWNE, } *School Board*
CYRUS F. MARSTON, } *of Chester.*

TOWN OF CHESTER

IN ACCOUNT WITH FRED I. DROWNE, TREASURER OF
SCHOOL BOARD.

	DR.	CR.
By balance Mar. 19th, 1888,		\$4 65
" amount received from town of Chester,		1369 38

TO CASH PAID

	WKS.	DIST.	
Ella E. Webster for teaching	9	in 1	\$63 00
Lucy E. Learnard for teaching	9	in 1	63 00
Nellie B. Sleeper for teaching	25	in 1	162 00
Sarah P. Webster for teaching	10	in 2	60 00
Bessie P. Grouard for teaching	11	in 2	77 00
Emma M. Moore for teaching	22	in 3	132 00
Lottie F. Carter for teaching	16	in 5	64 00
Myra F. Parker for teaching	22	in 6	110 00
Abbie P. Hazelton for teaching	22	in 7	132 00
Abbie A. Pease for teaching	10	in 8	60 00
Mary E. Crowell for teaching	12	in 8	72 00
Grace Sanborn for teaching	8	in 9	34 00
Annie B. Fitts for teaching	8	in 9	34 00
Flora A. Sawyer for teaching	16	in 10	64 00
Edmund R. Angell for teaching	10	1-2	
weeks in high school,			131 25
For wood for high school and district	1		37 65
For wood for district	3		5 85
" " " "	5		3 40
" " " "	6		2 00
" " " "	7		4 05
" " " "	8		3 50
" " " "	9		1 00
" " " "	10		1 25
For supplies,			9 98
For cleaning school houses and care of academy,			11 50
Cash on hand to balance,			35 60

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SUMMARY OF HIGH SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid teachers' salary,	\$131 25	
“ for care of room and cleaning same,	6 25	
“ for wood,	9 50	
“ for sundries,	2 35	
Total amount expended,	—————	\$149 35

EXPENDITURES FOR REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Cash paid J. L. Hammett, general re- pairs,	\$5 87	
Cash paid for glass for district No. 1,	1 18	
Cash paid J. W. Towle, labor on grounds in district No. 6,	8 50	
Cash paid Oren F. Page, underpinning for No. 6,	36 00	
Cash paid C. F. Marston, 10 curtains for academy, 7 for No. 6,	15 00	
Cash paid for shingles for No. 10,	16 23	
Cash paid Mark Sanborn laying same,	6 65	
Cash paid for nails and hardware,	2 24	
Total expended,	—————	\$91 67
Received of town of Chester,		\$91 67
Respectfully submitted,		

FRED I. DROWNE, Treasurer.

Approved :

HARRIETTE A. MELVIN, } School Board
CYRUS F. MARSTON. } of Chester.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 23d, 1889.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Fred I. Drowne, Treasurer of the School Board, and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers for the several charges.

ADDISON A. BEAN, }
JOHN A. HAZELTON. } Auditors.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT, 1888, CHESTER, N. H.

This Report is printed as required by law passed at the session of 1887.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Date, 1888.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex and Condition.					Name of Father.
			Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Color.	
February 2	Chester.....	Marion Cecile.....	M.	F.	Living.	1.	W	John M. Webster.....
.....19	"	.....	"	"	"	2.	"	George F. Weeks.....
March 9	"	.....	"	"	"	2.	"	Frank L. Hazelton.....
.....15	"	.....	"	"	"	2.	"	Edmund J. Wilcomb.....
April 29	"	.....	"	"	Stillb'n.	1.	"	Calvin D. Marsh.....
May 10	"	.....	"	"	Living.	3.	"	Joal A. Woodard.....
.....21	"	.....	"	"	"	2.	"	Frank Barnard.....
.....25	"	.....	"	"	Stillb'n.	3.	"	George L. Sherman.....
June 10	"	Rosa May.....	"	"	Living.	5.	"	Edward Counter.....
.....12	"	.....	"	"	Stillb'n.	4.	"	Newton J. Emer-on.....
.....17	"	.....	"	"	Living.	2.	"	James I. Nesbett.....
August 15	"	.....	"	"	"	3.	"	Eli Fortin.....
.....28	"	.....	"	"	"	6.	"	John Melvin.....
Sept. 7	"	.....	"	"	"	1.	"	Frank P. Shackford.....
.....22	"	.....	"	"	"	2.	"	Charles Allen.....
October 8	"	Alice Bell.....	"	"	"	3.	"	Frank E. Leighton.....
.....19	"	Lena Louisa.....	"	"	"	1.	"	George S. Webster.....
.....26	"	.....	"	"	"	4.	"	George Mackintosh.....
.....29	"	Joseph Ford.....	"	"	"	6.	"	Charles H. Edwards.....
Nov. 14	"	.....	"	"	"	6.	"	Oliver H. Tarleton.....
Dec. 1	"	.....	"	"	"	1.	"	Jay E. H. Marden.....
.....27	"	.....	"	"	"	4.	"	Clement H. Wells.....
.....27	"	.....	"	"	"	2.	"	Clarence E. Purington.....

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Date, 1888.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each.
Feb. 11	Hampstead..	Oliver H. Edwards.....	Chester.....	21.	W	Sawyer.....	Chester.....
.....	"	Fannie M. Tabor.....	Hampstead.....	20.	"	.....	Hampstead.....
Oct. 15	Chester.....	Arthur H. Wilcomb....	Chester.....	21.	"	Merchant...	Chester.....
.....	"	Sarah M. Batchelder..	"	20.	"	.....	"
Nov. 5	Auburn.....	Herbert L. Chase.....	"	24.	"	Farmer	"
.....	"	Harriette L. Preston...	Auburn.....	20.	"	.....	Auburn.....

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1888.

Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Lucy M. (Marsters) ...	W	Chester.....	Merchant..	Chester.....	Chester.....		
Anna L. (Holman).....	"	"	Farmer....	"	"		
Albina E. (Carey).....	"	"	"	"	Strandbridge, Ca...		
Mary J. (Robie).....	"	"	Clerk.....	"	Chester.....		
Emily W.	"	"	Ex. Inst'tor	Bethel, Vt.....	Copenhagen, Den..		
Lora A. (Steele).....	"	"	Farmer....	Lowell, Mass....	Canpton		
Lora I. (Dow).....	"	"	Shoemaker.	Lorette, Canada..	Chester.....		
Esther W. (Batchelder)	"	"	"	Boston, Mass....	"		
Abel (Baker).....	"	"	Laborer....	Canada.....	Canada.....		
Mary E. (Small).....	"	"	Farmer....	Raymond.....	Raymond.....		
Abel.....	"	Bradford, Mass.	Carpenter..	"	Chester.....		
Abel.....	"	Chester.....	W. Chopper	Canada.....	Canada.....		
Ellice Maud (Smith)...	"	"	S. Driver..	Chester.....	Holden, Mass....		
Elen A.	"	"	Mason.....	"	Portsmouth.....		
Ertrude (Schelling)...	"	"	Shoemaker.	Randolph, Mass..	Kingston.....		
Josephine E.	"	"	Farmer....	Manchester.....	Bowdoin, Me.....		
Elizabeth S. (Chase)...	"	"	Merchant...	Chester.....	Chester.....		
Marilla.....	"	"	Farmer....	Canton, Mass....	Buxton, Mass....		
Elita J. W. (Knights)...	"	"	"	Chester.....	Lowell, Mass....		
Lucy H. (Knights).....	"	"	Shoemaker.	New Castle.....	"		
Augusta S. (Lane).....	"	"	Farmer....	Chester.....	Chester.....		
Martha M. (Moore).....	"	"	"	Sandown.....	"		
Ellice M. (Webster)...	"	"	Painter....	Exeter.....	"		

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1888.

Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.	Name, Residence, and Official station of person by whom married.
Bert F. B. Edwards.....	Charlestown, Mass.	.....	First.....	Albert Watson
Anna E. Knights.....	Lowell, Mass.	.....	"	Clergyman,
John W. Tabor.....	Hampstead.....	.....	"	Hampstead.
Mary A. Little.....	Atkinson.....	.....	"
Charles S. Wilcomb.....	Chester.....	.....	"	Charles Tenney,
Marriette A. Symonds.....	Litchfield, N. Y....	.....	"	Pastor Cong'l Church,
David L. Batchelder.....	Deerfield.....	.....	"	Chester.
Abraham E. Waterman.....	Derry.....	.....	"
George W. Chase.....	Chester.....	.....	"	Theodore C. Pratt,
Adelia Dickey.....	Manchester.....	.....	"	Ordained Clergyman,
Anderson Preston.....	Chester.....	.....	"	Auburn.
John Stewart.....	Auburn.....	.....	"

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Date, 1888.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex & Condition			
			Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	Single, married, &c.
Jan. 30	Chester.....	Moses G. Underhill....	71..	9..	19..	Dracut, Mass.....	M..	..	W..	M..
Feb. 21	"	Phineas Jones.....	67..	4..	24..	Dracut, Mass.....	..	..	..	..
Mar. 10	"	Almira S. E. Crawford..	79..	7..	19..	New London.....	..	F..	..	W..
June 1	"	David Lane.....	86..	1..	15..	Chester.....	..	..	..	..
..... 5	"	Thomas Seavey.....	83..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..... 30	"	Lucinda O. Small.....	58..	7..	15..	..	..	..	..	M..
July 19	"	Lauren S. Rand.....	1..	2..	29..	..	..	..	..	M..
..... 19	"	David E. Richardson..	63..	6..	11..	Goffstown.....	..	..	..	S..
Aug. 6	"	Edwin Cleaves.....	..	11..	..	Bradford, Mass....	..	..	..	M..
..... 30	"	Annie Bell.....	26..	2..	12..	Fremont.....	..	..	..	W..
Sept. 8	"	Ann B. Lund.....	67..	7..	5..	Newburyport, Mass	..	..	..	W..
..... 15	"	Lydia K. Dunaven.....	83..	9..	..	Chester.....	..	..	..	W..
Oct. 29	"	Charles Tenney.....	74..	1..	6..	..	..	..	..	M..
Nov. 8	"	Ruth P. Lane.....	85..	10..	24..	Raymond.....	..	..	..	W..
..... 22	"	Luella H. Morse.....	40..	5..	25..	Warren.....	..	..	..	M..
Mar. 10	New Hampton	Albert H. Wason.....	21..	11..	26..	Chester.....	..	..	..	S..

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1888.

Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
	Father.	Mother.		
Farmer	Chester.....	.....	Richard.....	.....
"	Wrentham, Mass..	.....	David Everett.....	Amy (Snowdon).....
"	Chester.....	Chester.....	Samuel.....	Anna (Currier)
"	"
"	"	Sandwich.....	George D. Rand.....	Lenora L. (Parker).....
"	"	Goffstown.....	Page.....	Betsey (Eaton).....
"	Pawtucket, R. I....	Bradford, Mass....	John.....	Mary (Fay).....
Teacher	Chester.....	Fremont.....	John Bell, M. D.....	Mary Ann (Beede).....
"	Hartford, Conn....	Berwick, Me.....	Shubael Kent.....	Mary (Warren).....
"	Newbury, Mass....	Chester.....	Ezekiel Kelly.....	Hannah (Hazelton).....
Long'l Minister	Groveland, Mass...	Groveland, Mass....	Silas.....	Rebecca (Bailey).....
"	Raymond.....	Raymond.....	Simon Page.....	Abigail (Dearborn).....
"	Warren.....	Warren.....	Ira Merrill.....	Mary (Whitcher).....
Student	Chester.....	Candia.....	John.....	Lavina J. (Dolber).....

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